
12. ASSURANCES DIFFICULTY

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Distinguishing Characteristics
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Assurances Difficulty Supporting Information

The assurances are the package of institutional and physical features which basically “guarantee” that the Program operates in the future as designed. It is assumed that an adequate assurances package can be put together to satisfy the needs of each alternative. However, some assurances will be more difficult to obtain due to differences in how people perceive they will function.

Definition

“Assurances Difficulty” is an estimate on how hard an assurance package will be to formulate and get consensus among agencies and stakeholders. It is not an assessment on the perceived effectiveness of the assurance package.

Summary

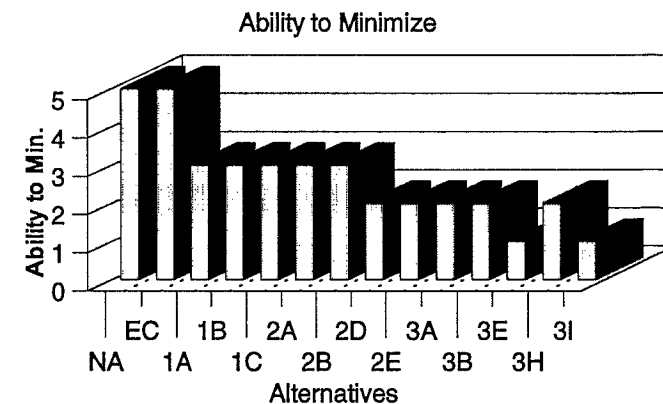
Generally, the alternatives that trend away from the status quo will be the ones with the most difficult assurance packages to obtain. Therefore, the alternative 1 variations generally will be easier to “assure” than the alternative 2 variations. Likewise, the alternative 2 variations will be easier to “assure” than the alternative 3 variations.

The chart at the right shows estimates of how well the alternatives minimize the difficulty of obtaining assurances. The chart and Table 12.1 provide a score of “0” to the alternatives that have considerable assurance difficulty (do not minimize difficulty) and “5” to the alternatives that do the best to minimize assurances difficulty.

Supporting Information for Table 12.1

See Table 12.1.

Assurance Difficulty



□ 0=high difficulty, 5= minimized difficulty

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Qualitative assessment considering the sizes and complexity of storage and conveyance facilities. The difficulty in developing workable assurances will increase incrementally with increased modifications to the existing system.

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Table 12.1 Summary

Alternative	Storage/Conveyance Facility Description	Overall Score
Exist. Cond.	No assurance package needed.	5
No-action	No assurance package needed	5
1A	No storage/conveyance facilities but difficulty meeting Program objectives will complicate assurances.	3
1B	Minor storage/conveyance facilities but difficulty meeting Program objectives will complicate assurances.	3
1C	Storage and south Delta modifications	3
2A	Through Delta modifications and no surface storage	3
2B	Through Delta modifications with surface storage	3
2D	Surface storage and uncertainty on through Delta conveyance/habitat	2
2E	Surface storage and uncertainty on large through Delta conveyance/habitat	2
3A	Small isolated conveyance and no surface storage; some will object to any isolated conveyance.	2
3B	Small isolated conveyance and surface storage; some will object to any isolated conveyance.	2
3E	Large isolated facility with surface storage; isolated difficult to assure.	1
3H	Uncertainty on large through Delta conveyance/habitat; isolated difficult to assure.	2
3I	Large isolated facility with surface storage; isolated difficult to assure.	1

Values are on a scale from 0 to 5; with 0 representing the most difficult to assure and 5 the easiest to assure.